

SB 5251 - DIGEST

Provides that the legislative body of a local government may amend its master program on an interim basis without full compliance with the guidelines adopted by the department if the legislative body finds: (1) That the proposed amendment is intended to make the master program more consistent with a local critical areas ordinance adopted or amended under RCW 36.70A.040(3);

(2) The proposed amendment will make the master program more consistent with the critical areas ordinance;

(3) The critical areas ordinance was adopted or amended after the master program;

(4) The critical areas ordinance provides greater protection to the shorelines and the environment than does the master program without the proposed amendment;

(5) That the local government is unable to complete a full amendment of the master program as required under chapter 36.70A RCW because of timing constraints or funding constraints, or both; and

(6) The legislative body plans to complete an inventory and full amendment under this chapter on schedule as set forth in this act.